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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to estimate the capital costs of an electrical Transmission and Distribution (T&D) system. These costs actually refer to the marginal costs of modifying an existing T&D system to meet the requirements of a future planned Total Energy System which would be of a different capacity than that currently in place. The amount of equipment required for a given T&D system configuration is first determined. Then unit costs are derived and applied to the equipment needs, thus generating total T&D system costs. Marginal costs of the modified T&D system can then be computed. It is found that marginal T&D costs are not insignificant when analyzing the economics of power generation, especially in the construction of electric-intensive Total Energy Systems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In a utility system, the electrical transmission and distribution system delivers electric power from the point of generation to the point of final consumption. It must have sufficient capacity to meet the peak demands of the area it serves and, simultaneously, to satisfy local energy demand patterns within the service area. Transmission and distribution (T&D) costs contribute significantly to the total costs of providing electrical service; historically, T&D comprises between 1/3 and 2/3 of the costs of producing and delivering electricity. Thus, T&D cannot be ignored when analyzing the economics of power generation.

The aim of this report is to estimate the capital costs of the electrical T&D system which could be used as part of a Total Energy System (TES). (1) These costs actually refer to the marginal costs of modifying an existing T&D system to meet the requirements of a future planned Total Energy System which would be of a different capacity than that currently in place. The method of analysis is as follows:

- 1. Determine the unit costs for the T&D equipment. This can be accomplished with a literature survey. The equipment under consideration includes:
 - A. Transmission lines, which carry the electric power from the generating stations to the load centers of the demand network;

- B. Transmission substations, which reduce the voltage at which power is transmitted in the distribution system;
- C. Primary Distribution lines, which carry the power to the local area being served;
- D. Distribution substations which further reduce the voltage at which power is transmitted for local distribution;
- E. Line transformers, which bring the distribution power voltage down to consumer use levels; and
- F. Electric energy consumption meters.

 Note that the distinction between transmission substation equipment and distribution substation equipment is primarily one of degree rather than kind.
- 2. Calculate the cost of installing a T&D system in a basecase TES, using current electrical demand data.
- 3. Calculate the cost of installing a T&D system in a TES which must meet the requirements of the future demand with a given mix of thermal and electrical energy supply for each of the configurations of interest.
- 4. Subtract the base case costs from those of the case under study. This differential cost will give the marginal cost of changing the base case TES T&D system to the TES configuration under study.

The details of these steps are developed in the following discussion. Chapter 2 presents the literature survey and the

data used in the analysis resulting from that survey. Chapter 3 presents the analyses for an example base case (Fort Knox currently) and for possible Fort Knox future TES scenarios. Finally, Chapter 4 discusses the results of the analyses.

2. DATA

In this chapter, the data utilized in the analyses are compiled. As stated previously, a T&D system is composed of:

- A. Transmission lines,
- B. Transmission substations,
- C. Primary distribution lines,
- D. Distribution substations,
- E. Line transformers, and
- F. Meters.

First, one must determine the amount of equipment required for a given T&D system configuration. Then unit costs must be derived which, when applied to the equipment needs, will generate total T&D system costs. Based on this, one can determine the resulting marginal costs.

Most of the above data is summarized in the report

Electric Power Transmission and Transmission Distribution

Systems: Costs and Their Allocation by M. Baughman and D.

Bottaro. (2) Briefly, the authors of this report have accumulated U.S. electric utility cost data and have performed linear regression analysis on these data to develop simple equations

which relate the amount of equipment in each of the above categories that would be required in a large scale T&D system. In a subsequent literature survey, the unit costs of the above equipment have been obtained by region. Finally, a similar regression analysis has been performed to compute yearly normalized operation and maintenance (0&M) costs. data base from which the equations are generated is comprised of information from privately owned U.S. electric utilities using their annual statistics from 1965 onwards. Two broad customer classes are considered. The first is "small light and power," which consists of commercial and residential customers. The second is "large light and power" which consists of industrial customers who take their electric power directly from the transmission system. For further details, the reader is directed to Ref. (2). Only the results of that report as applicable are used herein.

The input data to the above equations consist of the annual electrical sales to, and the number of users of, each of the two customer classes. In addition, data regarding the area and load density of the region served are required. The input parameters will be derived as used in the analyses in Chapter 3 in order to preserve clarity.

The equations in Ref. (2) were derived on a regional basis. As such, there are questions as to the applicability of these results to a relatively small, high density area such as Fort Knox. Conversations with one of the authors

(D. Bottaro) have shown that the equations were in fact derived for a geographical region and that the constants might not apply to a small high load-density area. However, the author notes that the marginal costs of electric utility systems are approximately regionally independent. Thus, the Baughman-Bottaro equations can be utilized in marginal cost analysis. As has been stated previously, the specific input parameters are computed as required in Chapter 3.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1 Input Parameters

The input parameters to the equipment equations consist of combinations of sales data, numbers of users, and service area sizes. These parameters are presented in the following form: the parameter name as used in the equations, its definition, and the method of derivation. The required parameter values are obtained for the example of Fort Knox, Ky.

CUSRSM is the number of residential and small light and power customers on the system. There are few, if any, industrial users of power on the typical military base. As such, all users of electricity are considered small light and power. For Fort Knox this number (the number of buildings as derived from Ref. (1)) is 1499.

AREA is the area (in square miles) of the community being served. From maps in Ref. (1), this value is determined to be 19 square miles.

ESRSM is the magnitude of annual energy sales to the small light and power customers (in units of 106 kilowatt-hours (KW'hr)). In order to understand the need for this parameter, a brief discussion of the purposes of the Fort Knox Total Energy System is required. A TES is designed as a power generation system which will supply all the energy needs of a community with both thermal and electrical energy. During the course of similar previous studies, (4) it was found that there exists an optimum thermal-electrical mix which would result in the best economics for the system. This mix is defined in terms of a percentage as follows: if the entire site were to have its space conditioning demand supplied by a high temperature water thermal utility system (TUS), then this is defined as the 100% case. In other words 100% of the heating and cooling load is supplied by the TUS. Conversely, the 0% case means that all the space conditioning load is supplied electrically, with no TUS. Thus, for example, the 80% case means that 80% of the Fort derives it space conditioning load from the TUS, and the remaining 20% is electrically heated and cooled. Of course, in all cases the nonspace conditioning electric load (e.g., lights, motors, etc.) must be supplied by the power station. For the Fort Knox study, the 0%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and 100% cases are of interest as a representative spectrum for two types of thermal utility systems (TUS). The first type is that where the TUS supplies heating in winter and cooling in summer by utilizing high temperature water to power heat exchangers or absorptive

air conditioners as required. All domestic hot water is supplied electrically. The second type is that where the TUS supplies heating and hot water only; all cooling is supplied electrically by compressive air conditioners. The corresponding T&D costs are calculated for each TUS thermal-electrical supply demand ratio and for each type of TUS that meets that ratio. Note that the zero-percent thermal/electrical load split, i.e. an all-electric community, has the same configuration for each type of TUS. The base case costs, which is Fort Knox as it currently exists, is also computed.

Now, for each case, seasonal variations are studied. The power station requirements are analyzed for the peak winter day, peak summer day, average winter day, average summer day, winter-spring day, and spring-summer day. Thus, in order to determine the value of ESRSM, the annual electrical energy sales, the larger of the average winter or average summer day, is chosen and then multiplied by 365 days per year to produce the equivalent annual energy ensumption. The peak energy demand days are not used since average annual consumption is required, and over-design would result from this use.

The remaining parameters are now given.

CUSLLP is the number of large light and power customers.

Per the Fort Knox assumption in CUSRSM, this value is zero.

ESLLP is the annual energy sales for Fort Knox to CUSLLP.

This value is also zero.

EST is the total annual energy sales to all ultimate customers, which is the sum of ESRSM and ESLLP, or in this case is just equal to ESRSM, in units of 10⁶ KW·hr.

 $\overline{\text{LD}}$ is the load density computed from the ratio EST/AREA, in units of 10^6 KW·hr/sq. mi.

CONST is a regional constant, which is set equal to 12486 for Kentucky.

3.2 Sample Equipment Calculations

In order for the reader to understand the computations and assumptions made, sample calculations for the Fort Knox base case and the 80% TUS case with absorptive air conditioning are given. The quantitites are calculated for the equipment requirements; the unit costs are given in Section 3.3; and the marginal costs are obtained in Section 3.4.

The data for the base case is as follows:

CUSRM = 1499

CUSLLP = 0.0

ESRM = $102.73 (10^6 \text{ KW} \cdot \text{hr})$ derived from Ref. (1)

ESLLP = 0.0

EST = ESRSM + ESLLP = $102.73 (10^6 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr})$

AREA = 19 (square miles)

LD = EST/AREA = $5.41 (10^6 \text{ KW} \cdot \text{hr/sq. mi.})$

CONST = 12486

The equipment requirements are as follows:

A. TRANSMISSION LINES. For the base case it is assumed that transmission line costs are zero, since for any new TUS new transmission lines will have to be constructed. Thus, the marginal cost will include funds for building new transmission lines.

B. TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION CAPACITY. This quantity is measured in terms of Kilovolt-amperes (KVA) capacity in place. The regression formula is

TSUB = 674700 + ESRSM*712.5 + ESLLP*523.2

Using the Fort Knox data, the value of TSUB is obtained as 7.48×10^5 KVA.

C. PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION LINES. This quantity is measured in units of pole-miles, since the principal portion of investment in primary distribution systems is in the structures and easements. The formula for this cost factor, labeled "POLE" is:

POLE = CONST + ESRSM*0.9102 - LD*34306.

For Fort Knox, this cost is seen to be -8.6×10⁵ POLE, reflecting the inappropriate application of a low-demand density correlation to a high demand-density situation.

Thus, another method of determining the equipment requirement of the primary distribution lines is required. One can assume that the primary distribution lines run in the same configuration as the thermal utility system (TUS) piping

layout; thus the lengths of the TUS pipes can be used as a parameter to measure the required number of poles. The Fort Knox TUS contains 1.58×10^5 feet of piping. Now by assuming that the poles are 150 feet apart and dividing the total length of distribution lines (i.e. piping) by the 150 ft pole interval, a value of 1056 pole-miles is found.

Note that the Fort Knox distribution system is currently in existence and the equipment needed to upgrade the distribution system will consist of a few power transmission cables, the costs of which are small. Since the primary distribution requirement of 1056 poles will appear in all cases under analysis, including the base case, the marginal cost of upgrading the primary distribution system will be zero, as expected. Thus, the true value of the required distribution equipment is not important in this marginal analysis.

D. DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION CAPACITY. This quantity is measured in terms of KVA capacity in place. The equation for this factor, labelled "DSUB," is:

DSUB = ESRSM*485.4 + AREA*9.46.

Thus, the required capacity for Fort Knox is computed to be 5.0×10^4 KVA.

E. LINE TRANSFORMERS. This quantity also is measured in KVA capacity in place. The formula is

LT = ESRSM*568.2 + ESLLP*102.6 + AREA*5.15 which gives LT = 5.85×10^4 KVA being required for Fort Knox. F. METERS. Currently, at Fort Knox there are no individual residential electrical meters, and it is assumed that there will be none in the future.

The 80% TUS case with absorptive air conditioning is now examined. The data values are as follows:

CUSRSM = 1499

CUSLLP = 0.0

ESRSM = $176.23 (10^6 \text{ KW} \cdot \text{hr})$

ESLLP = 0.0

EST = ESRSM + ESLLP = 176.23 (10^6 KW·hr)

AREA = 19 (sq. mi.)

LD = EST/AREA = $9.28 (10^6 \text{ KW} \cdot \text{hr/sq. mi.})$

CONST = 12486.

The equipment requirements are computed as in the preceding example except as noted.

- A. TRANSMISSION LINES. Actual data are used here rather than those of the stated formula. It is assumed that the transmission lines will be laid parallel to the primary TUS supply pipe from the power generation station to the Fort Knox community. This distance is 3.03 miles. Thus the requirement for transmission lines as measured in structure miles (analagous to pole-miles of the distribution system) is 3.03. This quantity does not change for each of the cases.
- B. TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION CAPACITY. Using the case data and the previously noted equation for Fort Knox,

TSUB is computed to be 8.00×10^5 KVA.

- C. PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION LINES. This quantity is constant for all cases and is equal to 1056 pole-miles, as discussed previously.
- D. DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION CAPACITY. For Fort Knox, this quantity is calculated to be 8.572×10⁴ KVA.
- E. LINE TRANSFORMERS. For Fort Knox, this quantity is calculated to be 1.0023×10^5 KVA.
- F. METERS. This value is zero for all cases, as explained in the previous discussion.

Tables 1 and 2 list all the equipment requirements as calculated.

3.3 Unit Equipment Costs

The costs of various Transmission and Distribution equipment items are complicated functions of equipment ratings, type of installation, and geographic region of the country. This complexity is further compounded by the diversity of equipment constructions, voltage levels, mounting possibilities, and phase characteristics. Reliable cost data are available for transmission lines, both above and below ground, but substation and distribution costs are not easily obtained. Conversations regarding these topics with representatives of the Boston Edison Company bore little fruit. It is for these reasons that this report again turns to the Baughman and Bottaro paper for the unit equipment costs. These authors

performed a literature survey and developed equipment cost values which are compatible with the units of the equipment requirements. Table 3 lists these costs with the following modifications:

- A. All costs listed are inflated to 1985 dollars using an 8% annual rate.
- B. The costs stated in the original source vary regionally; as such, the data reflect those values applicable to Kentucky only.
- C. The cost of transmission lines are obtained from Ref. (3) and are stated exclusive of land costs.

3.4 Marginal Equipment Costs

The capital and marginal equipment costs are now calculated. The capital cost is calculated by the expression

$$C = \sum_{i} R_{i} * U_{i}$$

where

- C is the capital cost of the Transmission and Distribution system for a given thermal/electrical load split case;
- R_i is the equipment requirement for the ith item (e.g. line transformers); and

U, is the unit cost of the ith equipment item.

The marginal cost is computed as

$$M = C - C_{Base}$$

where

M is the marginal cost for upgrading the present (base)
Transmission and Distribution system to the desired
percent case,

C is defined above, and

CBase is the capital cost of the base Transmission and Distribution system (i.e. Fort Knox as it exists today, if it were to be built in 1985).

Tables 4 and 5 list the results of the above calculations.

4. SUMMARY

Tables 4 and 5 list the results of this report. The following points should be noted:

- A. The base case data do not include transmission lines.

 All other cases under study do include transmission lines,

 since they will have to be constructed;
- B. All of Fort Knox is considered to consist of small
 light and power users;
- C. The data were obtained from Ref. (1) except as noted; and
- D. No residential meter costs are included in any of the analyses.

It is seen that the marginal costs of upgrading the Fort Knox Transmission and Distribution system are not insignificant in constructing an electric-intensive TES.

TABLE 1

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FORT KNOX ABSORPTIVE AIR CONDITIONING,

ELECTRIC HOT WATER TUS

CASE	BASE	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
EQUIPMENT ITEM							Themes 1987 to
Transmission Line (miles)	0	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03
Transmission Sub- station Capa- city (KVA×10 ⁵)	7.48	7.68	8.00	8.28	8.77	9.09	9.56
Distribution Line (pole- miles)	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056
Distribution Sub- station Capa- city (KVA×10 ⁴)	5.00	6.38	8.57	10.45	13.77	15.96	19.15
Line Transformer Capacity (KVA×10 ⁴)	5.85	7.46	10.02	12.22	16.10	18.67	22.41
Number of Meters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE 2

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FORT KNOX COMPRESSIVE AIR CONDITIONING, TUS SUPPLIED HOT WATER TUS

CASE EQUIPMENT ITEM	BASE	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Transmission Line (miles)	0	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03
Transmission Sub- station Capa- city (KVA×10 ⁵)	7.48	8.16	8.22	8.26	8.70	9.05	9.56
Distribution Line (pole- miles)	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056
Distribution Sub- station Capa- city (KVA×10 ⁴)	5.00	9.67	10.02	10.31	13.33	15.68	19.15
Line Transformer Capacity (KVA×10 ⁴)	5.85	11.31	11.72	12.05	15.59	18.34	22.41
Number of Meters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE 3

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT UNIT COSTS

ITEM	UNIT COST
Transmission Lines	1.295 10 ⁶ \$/mile
Transmission Substation	13.09 \$/KVA
Primary Distribution Lines	4.029 10 4 \$/pole-mile
Distribution Substation	26.18 \$/KVA
Line Transformers	39.27 \$/KVA
Residential Meters	25.00 \$/meter

TABLE 4

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS SUMMARY,

FORT KNOX, ABSORPTIVE AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRIC

HOT WATER TUS

CASE	CAPITAL COST (millions of dollars)*	MARGINAL COST (millions of dollars)*
BASE	55.94	
100%	61.12	5.18
80%	63.12	7.18
60%	64.84	8.90
40%	67.88	11.94
20%	69.88	13.94
0%	72.80	16.86

^{*}All costs stated in 1985 dollars

TABLE 5

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS SUMMARY,

FORT KNOX, COMPRESSIVE AIR CONDITIONING,

TUS SUPPLIED HOT WATER TUS

CASE	CAPITAL COSTS (millions of dollars)*	MARGINAL COSTS (millions of dollars)*
BASE	55.94	
100%	64.12	8.18
80%	64.46	8.52
60%	64.71	8.77
40%	67.47	11.53
20%	69.62	13.68
0%	72.80	16.86

^{*}all costs stated in 1985 dollars

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